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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Counsel and Staff Personnel of Senate
Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, 28 June 1963,
11:00 a.m.

1. In accordance with the Committee request received Thursday, 27 June 1963, the following members of the Senate Subcommittee on Preparedness Investigation were briefed by Mr. Houston on the current situation in Cuba:

James T. Kendall, Chief Counsel
Stuart P. French, Professional Staff Member
D. F. McGillicuddy, Professional Staff Member

Also present from the Agency was

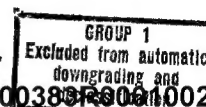
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2. Mr. Houston reviewed the Cuba situation in the light of the previous testimony provided the Committee by the Director. Questions by the Committee staff followed generally the outline in parts IV and V of the interim Committee report issued on May 9th.

3. Mr. Kendall thanked Mr. Houston at the outset for responding to the Chairman's request for briefing of the Committee staff and pointed out that the Committee would now be undertaking the final report on Cuba. The briefing, together with questions by the staff, lasted some forty-five minutes.

4. With regard to the current strength of Soviet forces in Cuba, question was raised concerning the 5,000 men estimate previously related to the four armored units and request was made for clarification whether that figure had been revised in current intelligence estimates.

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Information was also requested concerning the names and dates of Russian ships stopping in Cuban ports and our comment on a rumor that Soviet ships were picking up supplies and material not normally carried by them, from Mexican ports. Question was also raised concerning any runway or airport improvement in Cuba. Response on these items will be made informally the first of the week.

5. Mr. Kendall indicated that a letter to the Agency from the Chairman is in preparation requesting the submission of additional written information on the spread of subversion in Latin America from Cuba. It was indicated that such information might be provided as a supplement to the statement by the Director of 25 February or in whatever format would best suit the Agency. In this updating of information they would particularly like evidence of definite ties of Latin America subversion to Cuba as opposed to activity inspired by the Soviet Union. It was indicated that such information could be provided as well as instances of resistance by old-time Communist leaders to Castro actions in countries such as Peru and Ecuador.



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